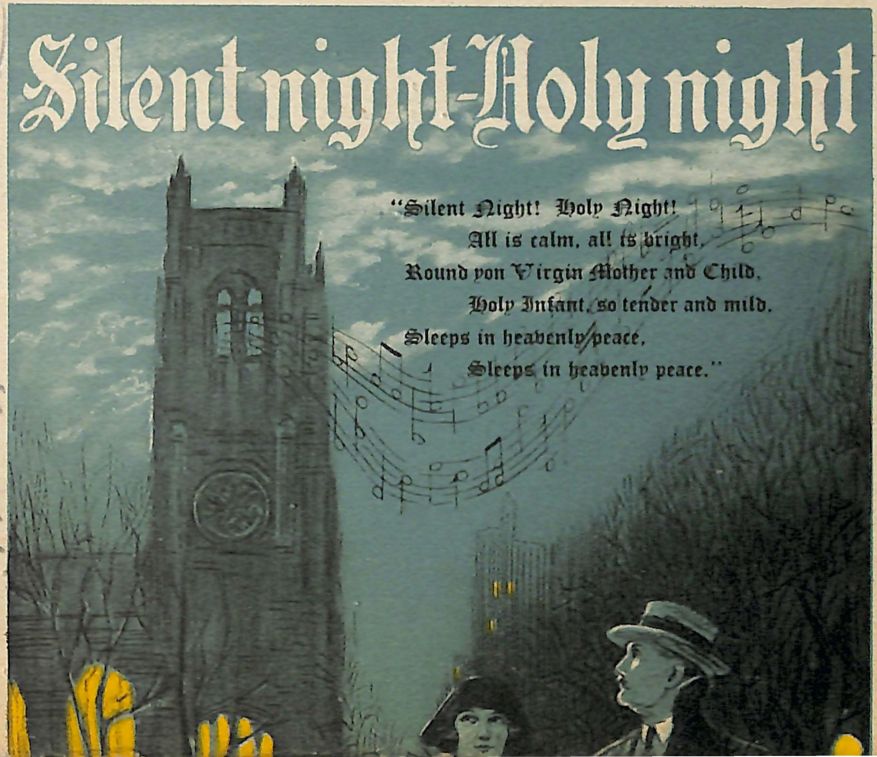
Silent night-Holy night


"Silent Night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild.
Sleeps in heavenly peace,
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HAVING A MIND TO WORK.

Neh.4:6 So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

INTRO. The rebuilding of the Wall under the direction of Nehemiah still has much of instruction in it for us Xns.

The Need- a protected City housing the centralized gov't that would protect and stabalize the Israelites.

The Danger- The material for building in debris condition.
Oppsition great and enemies powerful

The Means.
Prudence and prayer and perseverance.
Principles employed.
Purpose-A mind to work.
Each to his own duty-"Everyone repaired over against his own house".
By all working together, the Work was done, the wall builded.

I. The Importance of the Work we as Xns have to do.

In S.L. an occidental new home among many old ones

After 2000 yrs of building the K.of G. Xty, only too much, resembles a debris-pile.
The Crescent waves where the Cross once triumphe
In our so-called Xn nations, a large portion of the people are strangers to practical godliness.

The throwing of the nations together by the World War and their shaking-up make Xty all the more necessary to the safety and salvation of the world

II. The desired change in the world can come about only thru willing-minded, diligently working Xns.

The great "We" of the Bible-God and His faithful followers working together to build His kingdom.
God the Architect, Christ the Contractor, and we Xns the workers.
Xn principles and laws need to be put into Busines
Xn influence applied to Politics
Xn example shown in the pleasures of life.

The Church Needs Rallying.
Elijah rallied the Israelites on Mt.Carmel.
Ezra's rally by reading the Law.

Rally Spirit Removes Obstacles.

The night befor Jena, column of artillery stuck fast in ravine. Napoleon with lantern led tired men to task obstruction removed, on with march.

Our talents reconsecrated.

Young man taking aunt's umbrella. "Hold on, Ned, I've had that umbrella for 23 yrs and it has never been out in the rain, and I dont want it wetted."

Each one in his place.

A varied work to be done

Rev. Gerald Dale's account of how a chapel was once built in Beirut, Syria.

Men, women and children worked.

Ancient temple at Jerusalem erected the sameway.

The Wall rebuilt likewise.

So in Jewish Church and early Xn Church- some apostle some evangelists, some teachers, some deacons, some elders, but all workers.

Each of us has talent which God can use in his servic

All together, WE.